

**Minutes of PCA Executive Committee meeting 24 February 2015
held at the home of Susan McMurray**

Present: Diane Smith, Don Smith, Paul Woodman, Supriya Syal, Susan Fraser, Susan McMurray (Chair).

Regrets: Geoff Mosher, Jaki Freeman, Jeff Otto and Trish O'Reilly-Brennan.

Approval of Minutes of 7 January 2015 Executive meeting: Moved by Diane. Agreed.

Announcements:

1. The skating party has been postponed due to the cold.
2. Potential School Closures in the Pocket. Susan M. has been corresponding with TDSB Trustee Jennifer Story who has confirmed that consultations will likely be held in Fall 2015 for Pocket schools. Exec will establish its approach to this issue.
3. Relief Line Stakeholder Advisory Group. Susan M. will approach a Member to enquire about representing PCA on this group.
4. A resident of the Pocket has offered through Jeff to provide a grant of \$2,000 if PCA can raise matching funds for a PCA project. Susan will ask Jeff to name a Project Team and bring an action proposal to the March Exec meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Diane sent around the Bank information, a "Best Practices" policy on Fiduciary Duties for PCA Directors, and a report from the Chartered Accountants of Ontario: "20 Questions Directors of Not-for-profit Organizations Should Ask about Fiduciary Duty" for our newly elected Directors. Treasurer's Report was approved.

Welcome to New Directors: Each Director introduced themselves to the others and our new Directors, Supriya Syal and Susan Fraser were welcomed to the Exec Committee.

Committee Reports:

1. Safety: Susan M. reported on behalf of Trish about activities of this committee. It may be prepared to present at the Spring Town Hall Meeting.
2. TTC: Susan M. and Diane reported. To date 92 Members have responded to the on-line survey on use and preferences for Oakvale Green Space. Diego Sinagoga informed us of construction work in the TTC Greenwood Yard and this was publicized to our Members.
3. Membership & Outreach: Plan is to start a membership drive in March.

Business Arising:

1. Art-in-the-Park: Paul reported that the Toronto Arts Council has confirmed receipt of the application that he and Jerry Silverberg prepared. This represents a very large amount of work. The Ontario Arts Council declined our application. Paul and Jerry were thanked for their work on both applications.

2. Learning from AGM: Discussion about organization and ideas for improving the AGM for next year. Plan to ask each Committee head to select a few points from their comments for a PowerPoint presentation.
3. Spring Town Hall Meeting: This is slated for April or May. The main topic will be Emergency Management and ways Pocket residents can support other residents who may need help. Plan to invite Peter Tabuns and the Red Cross to make a presentation, which will lead to discussion about how our Members wish to deal with these issues. Safety Committee may be ready to make a presentation. Susan will coordinate planning with Supriya, Susan F., Diane (Peter Tabuns) and Kaye Leslie (Red Cross). Plan to hold the meeting at St. David's Church.
4. Path between Phin Park and Chatham Avenue: Kim McFadden and Jeff have met with TDSB Trustee Jennifer Story and Eastern Commerce Principal Jennifer Chan. Ms. Chan arranged for improvements in lighting, the gate and some drainage. Further help is needed. Kim wrote to Ms. Story who has said she will check with TDSB and come back with a plan. Kim and Jeff to follow up.
5. Succession Planning: Don reviewed the purpose and process of the Succession Planning Committee and circulated a draft policy regarding nomination and election procedures for discussion. Further discussion will be held in March meeting and the viewpoints of PCA Members will be canvassed.

Next Meetings: Susan M. will canvass the Exec regarding dates for Exec meetings for March, April and May.

Minutes prepared on 25 February 2015 by PCA Secretary Don Smith